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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Restriction Requirement that was mailed October 2, 2003, the applicant elects Group I, claims 1-17 and 25.

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